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Gettysburg and Back for Remembrance Day

by Dept. Commander Kevin Tucker

Thursday morning, November 19th, family, friends and Members of the Department boarded a bus in Auburndale and set off for Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on our annual Remembrance Day Weekend Trip. Remembrance Day celebrates the anniversary of President Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address", delivered at the Gettysburg National Cemetery on November 19, 1863. With a brief stop in Sturbridge to pick up our western New England fellow travelers, we made great time and arrived in Gettysburg in time for dinner.

With Remembrance Day always being observed on a Saturday, it is our tradition to take advantage of being in such an historic place, and make a side-trip on the Friday before. This year, our group toured the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA. Among the most interesting parts of the tour were exhibits of US Army weapons and uniforms, from the Civil War through today. There was also a stunning and emotional display of World War II photographs taken by famed war photographer Tony Vaccaro, and a World War I exhibit, titled "Over There", featuring a multimedia presentation of stories about World War I soldiers.

The highlight of the tour was the Army Heritage Trail, an outdoor museum trail which encompasses about one mile and highlights many of the Army's major campaigns with exhibits and periodic vignettes. Displays included a French and Indian War way station and blockhouse, Redoubt Number 10 from the Revolutionary War siege of Yorktown, a section of the Antietam battlefield, a Civil War winter encampment with cabins, a WWI trench system, a WWII company area, a replicated Omaha beachhead scene from D-Day, (continued on next page.)

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and an interpretation of the Vietnam helicopter air assault at La-Drang that includes a period Fire Support Base. It was a truly amazing tour, and one of the most memorable we have had in 10 years of Remembrance Day Weekend Trips.

Following the tour, we returned to Gettysburg for lunch at General Pickets Buffet before boarding the bus again for an impromptu tour of Little Round Top, Cemetery Ridge and Seminary Ridge on the Gettysburg battlefield.

Saturday was a whirlwind of activity for our group. In the morning, many participated in placing rosemary on the graves and reciting aloud the names of Massachusetts soldiers killed at the battle of Gettysburg on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1863. Following that, many made their way over to the S.U.V.C.W.'s annual ceremony at the monument to Albert Woolson, the last Union veteran.

At noon, uniformed Members headed off to the Gettysburg Junior High School to assemble for the Remembrance Day parade. We fell in with the SVR at the head of the parade and stepped off at 1 PM, following a route through town and ending at the entrance to the battlefield on Emmitsburg Road. This year's parade was larger than the past few, with the weather having a favorable effect on the participants.

After the parade, we boarded the bus for a short ride to the 11th Massachusetts Monument, where a short ceremony was held. The monument, vandalized three years ago, is still in a sorry condition, with the top cap and sculpture of an arm holding a sword still missing, and the remainder of the monument pulled slightly askew from its base.

For dinner, many headed over to the historic Dobbin House for an elegant evening meal in exquisite 17th century surroundings. It was a most enjoyable experience and we hope to continue the tradition of dining there on Remembrance Day going forward.

The events of the weekend were capped off with the SUVCW's annual Military Ball at the General Eisenhower Inn. Men in period dress and uniforms and ladies in lovely Victorian era ball gowns danced the evening away under the direction of a professional dance instructor, accompanied by a Civil War era military orchestra. The ball is an amazing spectacle and a memorable climax to the events of the day.

On Sunday morning, we boarded the bus and headed for home. We will all have wonderful memories and great stories to tell about our trip to Gettysburg this year.

Thanks should be given to Dan Murray for all his great efforts in making all the arrangements for the trip, and CC Tim Callahan and Richard Nichols for their hard work in advertizing and organizing various groups who came along on the trip. Well done, each of you!

Satuit Camp 3188 Rededicates Civil War Cannon

On Sunday November 15th, Camp 3188 rededicated the Civil War era Whitworth cannon located at the renovated Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Scituate, where the Camp meets. A presentation was made by Camp Historian Dave Corbin. In the photo Camp 3188 Commander Conley Ford looks on as the 22nd Mass. Infantry fire a volley salute.

Auxiliary News

Greetings Sisters,

I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and I wish you all a prosperous New Year.

Before we know it April will be upon us, and with that, our 119th Annual Department Encampment. This year, our Encampment will be held on **April 9th and 10th, 2010**, at **the Courtyard by Marriot in Marlborough, Massachusetts.**

Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of **Dr. Harvey Berger**, we once again have the funds to award a scholarship this year. I will be announcing the winner at our Encampment business session on April 10th and awarding the scholarship at the Encampment Banquet.

Applicants should be female, going on to post secondary education or currently attending college, and a resident of Massachusetts or a member of the Department of Massachusetts. Letters of interest should be sent to me no later than **March 20th, 2010**, so a winner can be chosen.

Reports

I will be sending out the forms for Officer's Reports soon.

Auxiliary Officers: Please send your reports to your corresponding Department Officer by **March 1st, 2010**, so she can make her complete report at our Encampment. I know many of our Auxiliaries have first time officers, so if any one has any questions regarding these forms and reports, please contact me. I will assist anyway I can.

Auxiliary Presidents: There is no form for you, but a report of your Auxiliary's activities must be submitted and read at the Encampment. If you cannot attend, please send me the reports by the **March 1st, 2010** deadline. It is important we get these done in a timely manner, as everything must be sent to National on time.

Candidates

If there are any Sisters interested in running for elected office, please let me know so we can be prepared to announce your candidacy when nomination time comes. This also will allow us to know if we'll have a full slate of officers to fill positions for the coming year. Remember, it is best to volunteer for an office you might want, lest you be asked to take one you don't.

Sickness and Death

It is with a heavy heart I report that Sister Peggy Kachon of L.A. Tifft Auxiliary 10 passed away on Dec. 26, 2009.

Some of our Sisters have had a tough winter. I would like to send get well wishes to Marie Curcio and Barbara Mayberry of Auxiliary.10, and any other sisters who might be ill.

In F.C. & L.,
MaryCatherine Knight
President Department of Massachusetts

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DISCOUNTED LODGING

The Marlborough Courtyard by Marriott is offering a special rate for all Allied Orders Members of $79.00 per room/per night plus tax, for Friday and Saturday.

IMPORTANT!: Reservations must be received by March 25, 2010, in order for the hotel to guarantee availability. Reservations made after this date are subject to space and rate availability. When making a reservation, remember to mention that you are with the Allied Orders.

Courtyard by Marriott Reservations: 1-508-480-0015

ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION

S.U.V.C.W. registration will be held on Friday, April 9th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, and on Saturday from 7:00 AM until the beginning of elections. S.U.V.C.W. Registration is $5.00 per member.

Registration for the Auxiliary will be on Saturday morning, April 10th only. Auxiliary registration is $2.00 per member.

Advanced registration is encouraged for all. Reservation forms and checks should be mailed to Diane Mellor, DVP. Reservation forms will be included in future mailings and available for downloading on the Department website at www.suvmass.org.

CAMPFIRE

The 2010 Department Encampment will kick off with a joint Campfire on Friday, April 9th, at 7:00 PM. A fascinating presentation on the Battle of Antietam by Col. DeLane E. Anderson, USMC, Ret., along with refreshments, and camaraderie, will be included in the festivities.

COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST

We will start the day together at our annual Commander's Breakfast on Saturday morning, April 10th, at 7:00 AM, featuring a deluxe breakfast buffet with private seating. Tickets to the breakfast are $14.00 per person, in advance.

MEMORIAL SERVICE and JOINT OPENING

The S.U.V.C.W. and Auxiliary will hold our annual Memorial Service and Joint Opening on Saturday, April 10th at 8:30 AM.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The First Business Session will be held on Saturday morning, April 10th, immediately following the Joint Opening, and will continue until 11:45 AM, when we'll break for lunch.

The Second Business Session will be held in the afternoon from 1:30 PM until 4:30 PM, or at the conclusion of the Installation of Department Officers.

PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

Our annual President's Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 10th at 12:00 Noon, and will feature a delicious meal along with an entertaining presentation on Civil War Monuments of New England by Laura Eisener. Tickets are $20.00 per person.

ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

The Encampment Banquet will take place on Saturday from 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Your choice of Fish, Chicken or Pork will be served. Tickets for the Banquet are $30.00 per person. For your listening enjoyment, Civil War era music will be performed by noted musician Bob Killiam.

Taxes and gratuities are included for all meals.
Reservations must be made by April 5th.
Send reservation form, along with check or money order,
payable to "Department of Mass., SUVCW", to:

Department Encampment
Diane Mellor
16 Norma Drive
Nashua, NH 03062

CEREMONIES TO HONOR GENERAL BUTLER AND GENERAL AMES

Lowell, MA: On November 1, 2009, the Friends of Major General Benjamin Franklin Butler held their 5th annual Benjamin F. Butler birthday ceremony at Hildreth Cemetery in Lowell, Massachusetts. In addition to this ceremony, a Congressional Medal of Honor plaque and stone were dedicated at the grave site of General Adelbert Ames. General Ames was General Butler's son in law and received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his artillery actions at the Battle of Bull Run.

In attendance at the ceremony were members of the Department of Massachusetts S.U.V.C.W. and Auxiliary, the American Legion, the VFW, the ROTC and Jr. ROTC, and the Lowell Historical Society. Also attending University of Massachusetts Associate Professor of History Michael Pierson and a descendant of General Ames, Oakes Plimpton. After the opening of the ceremony both Mr. Pierson and Mr. Plimpton talked about the generals.

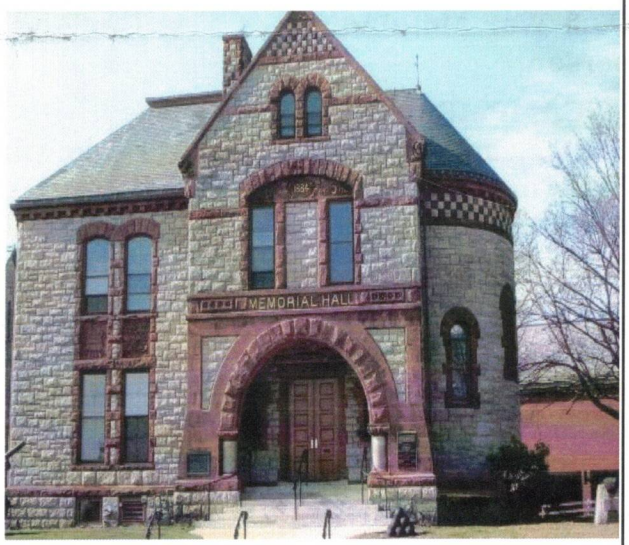
EAGLE SCOUT HONORED

Whitman, MA: On October 25th, Brother Timothy Callahan of Camp 104 presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate to Taylor Brooks Davidson of Troop 57 Whitman, Massachusetts at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Lincoln Birthday Bicentennial Observance held in Milford

On October 18, 2009, the town of Milford held a Lincoln Bicentennial ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic Hall. Brothers Roy Henry and Richard Lufkin , Members of the Dept. of Massachusetts S.U.V.C.W. attended in uniform as historian James Johnson gave a presentation. Brother Peter Emerick's Fife and Drum contingents played several songs as part of the festivities.

The Department of Massachusetts S.U.V.C.W. held its 122nd Department Encampment at the Milford G.A.R. Hall in 2004 and donated a civil war era replica flag. The Hall also serves as a museum and culture center.



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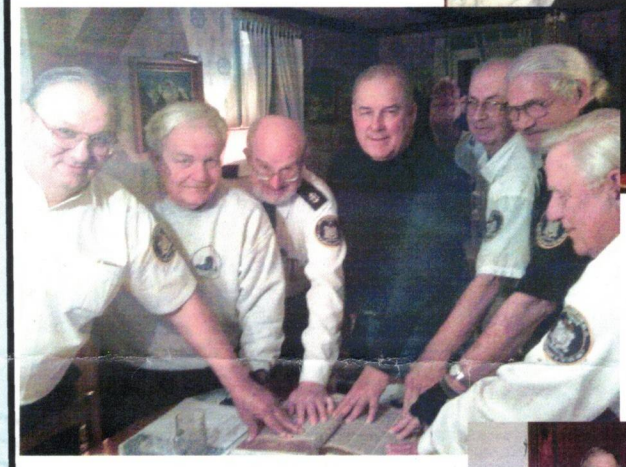
CAMP INSTALLATIONS

Nov. 23, 2009—Willie Grout Camp No. 25, Worcester, MA
Department Commander Kevin Tucker installs newly-elected Camp Commander Stuart "Chip" Chambers, (right) and the officers of Camp 25.

Dec. 22, 2009 - Charles H. Bond Camp #104, Wakefield, MA
Camp Commander Tim Callahan, (2nd from left) and his Camp officers take the oath of office.

Jan. 13, 2010—Satuit Camp No. 3188, Scituate, MA
Camp Commander Conley Ford, (far right) and his fellow Camp officers are installed.



Jan 28, 2010
Gen. Darius N. Couch Camp No. 26, Taunton, MA
Camp Commander Donald French, (far right) joins with Camp officers in Installation ceremonies.

Jan. 17, 2010
Bay State Camp No. 61, Greater Boston, MA
Camp Commander Steve Twining, (center, seated) and the officers of Camp 61

Not pictured: Dec. 9, 2009—Gen. George L. Hartsuff Camp No. 50, Rockland, MA;
Dec. 14, 2009—Gen. Frederick Lander Camp No. 5, Lynn, MA;
Jan.2, 2020—L.A. Tifft Camp No. 15, Springfield, MA;
TBD: Capt. William S. McFarlin Camp No. 132, Carver, MA

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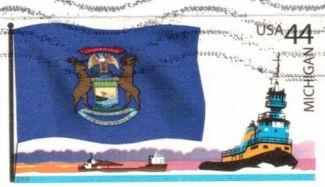

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